

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Amended) A digital camera [which captures object] for capturing images, [via a taking lens and an image pickup device, said digital camera] comprising:

- a built-in memory for storing image data representing captured [object] images, said built-in memory being provided in a camera body;
- a detachable [external] memory card for storing [the] image data, said detachable [external] memory card having a larger storage capacity than said built-in memory;
- [a connector] an insertion slot for [connecting with] receiving said detachable [external] memory card;
- detecting means for detecting [that said connector connects with] insertion of said detachable [external] memory card into said insertion slot; and
- memory control means for automatically transferring the image data from said built-in memory to said detachable [external] memory card upon said detecting means detecting said [connection] insertion [and wherein when said detecting means detects that said connector connects with said external memory, said memory control means transfers the image data stored in said built-in memory to said external memory and initializes said built-in memory to allow new capturing].

Please add the following new claims:

-- 7. The digital camera of claim 6, wherein said built-in memory is initialized to allow for new image capturing upon said memory control means automatically transferring said image data.

8. The digital camera as defined in claim 6, wherein said camera body, in an insertional direction of said detachable memory card, is shorter than said detachable memory card in the insertional direction of said detachable memory card.

9. The digital camera of claim 6, wherein said detachable memory card is mainly for attachment when the digital camera is not being used to capture images and is normally detached when the digital camera is being used to capture images, and the digital camera is usable to capture images when the detachable memory card is detached from and inserted into the insertion slot.

10. The digital camera of claim 6, wherein when said detachable memory card is inserted into the insertion slot, said detachable memory card is partially exposed so that a user can grasp said detachable memory card by the exposed part to remove said detachable memory card from said camera body.

11. The digital camera as defined in claim 6, wherein when said detachable memory card is inserted into the insertion slot, more than 1/3 of said detachable memory card is exposed in an insertional direction of said detachable memory card.